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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of
the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying
Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas,
in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian
Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two
years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the
"Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This
shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation
Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency
passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was
formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying
Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the
"Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B.
as President. In 1968 the name was again altered — this time to the
"Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably
best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in
1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian
U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour
program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth
Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a
scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in
General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern
Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the
Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society — which maintains the largest membership of
any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere — is open to all who
are genuinely interested in the subject.

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EDITORIAL

In July this year VUFORS was privileged to have a visit from a well-known researcher from ZIMBABWE: Mrs. Cynthia Hind, who is the author of the book, "African Encounters". Mrs Hind is the African representative for the Mutual UFO Network, based in the United States and is also a Member of the International Committee for UFO research.

While in Melbourne, Mrs Hind was invited to appear on TV's "Good Morning Australia" and once again proved how capable she is when dealing with any form of Media, who know very little if anything of the UFO subject, which is obvious by the lack of thought behind Questions they ask.

During her time in Melbourne, Cynthia stayed part of the time, at the home of VUFORS President Mrs Magee and her husband and met privately with the Committee and Guido Valentich, the Father of missing pilot Fredrick of Bass Strait fame and was able to exchange considerable information and theories in a relaxed atmosphere.

Being very interested in the Bass Strait Affair, she was keen to view the area and spent a couple very pleasant days touring along the South Coast of Victoria. Her prior committments did not permit much sight seeing.

VUFORS profited from the Cynthia Hind visit; apart from some new Members, we have now gained another friend in a part of the World from which we heard very little UFO news, but now have a very pleasent liaison.

Thank you Cynthia.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Since this is the last Bulletin for the year '87, the Committee extends greetings for a SAFE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY FESTIVE SEASON

We thank members for their continued support and co-operation in forwarding press clips and we sincerely hope this support can continue.

COMING UP CHRISTMAS!

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ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul B. Norman



During the last few days of June, 1987, Ufologists were taking the news headlines away from Politicians in Washington, D.C., for the first time since the Great Radar/Visual UFO flap of 1952. People were discussing "Flying Saucers" more than politics. The reason was the annual Symposium of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) hosted by the Washington based FUND FOR UFO RESEARCH at the American University. Researchers assembled there from all over the World to present papers and compare notes with delegates in other areas.

Just prior to the Symposium date, United Press International (UPI) held a press conference at its headquarters in downtown Washington. The only sceptic attending the UPI session was Geoffery Barker, Journalist, for the Herald and Weekly Times, published in Melbourne. His feeble arguments however, were no match against such veteran Ufologists as DR BRUCE MACCABEE and others.

After the press conference adjourned, I approached the journalist and gave him my card at which time he asked, "What is the name of the pilot you said vanished over Bass Strait because of a UFO?" He had never heard of the incident!

July 2nd, I returned to Melbourne and informed the Herald that their representative in Washington D.C., knew nothing of the UFO subject in general and activity around Melbourne and Victoria in particular. Some documents, to fill in the gaps, were posted to the Chief of Staff, at his request, which may have been labeled with a "D" Notice due to their sensitivity. They were not published.

The next highlight on my 1987 UFO Trail was the visit to Melbourne of CYNTHIA HIND, the MUFON Representative from AFRICA, who addressed the Victorian UFO Research Society at the Royal Society Hall.

I then went to Queensland for visits with Ufologists and friends. My planned trip across the TOP END was interrupted due to UFO activity around SEYMOUR, KILMORE and BROADFORD. My priority then changed to a return to Victoria.

REEDY CREEK ENCOUNTER.

On the 23rd of August, two motorists driving north from Kilmore to Broadford reported a huge flying object to the east with many lights.

On the 24th August, a Family reported that their horses and cattle were in a panic. The horses were "SCREAMING" as they had never done before.



PAUL NORMAN
Investigator for the
**VICTORIAN UFO
RESEARCH SOCIETY**

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On 25th August, a family was driving to their home near Broadford, when at about 9.30pm, they saw a large object. They thought at first that it was a MULTI-STORY HOUSE with many lights. As they came closer they realized it was not a house but was a huge object hovering low over a nearby paddock. After viewing the object for about two minutes, they sped to Broadford from where they telephoned the nearest policeman on duty, the site was checked out by a police man who returned with a witness. There was no doubt in his mind that the startled witnesses had seen something.

I visited the site a few days later with another witness and checked the direction with my compass. The object was seen to the southeast. Two more observers, although too far away to see the dark object, they did see the cluster of lights to the northwest of their location.

Meanwhile, the Director of HV McKay Planataruim, Dr Robin Hirst, attributed the initial sighting report to an exploding meteor. When he was presented with a sketch of the object he refused to admit he was wrong and issued a followup statement, "that an exploding meteor had prompted people to see the AURA AUSTRALIS (Southern Lights)".

This "explanation" has been ruled out by all concerned. The observers nearest the scene were looking towards the southeast not the south. Witnesses have been found who saw the lights when they were facing the northwest from their location.

Unfortunately, an arm chair "expert" who may be knowledgeable concerning movements of the stars but is completely out of touch with movements within our atmosphere.

But because arm chair "experts" have spoken, many people will swallow their "explanations" hook line and sinker. These are the real green men, so green they don't know what is going on, they are the little green men all along the UFO Trail.

ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

A 'wedding cake' UFO proves an eye opener for Broadford

Flying in the face of fiction

ARM Y exercise searchlight? A plummeting, exploding meteor? Neither, says Cheryl Kerslake of Reedy Creek, near Broadford.

Either, say the skeptics. But how, Mrs Kerslake asks, could either look like this (right)? It was certainly unidentified, perhaps not flying but clearly hovering, and definitely an object. A classic UFO.

Mrs Kerslake and her husband, Trevor, saw the phenomenon near Broadford on Tuesday night. It was, she said, in three layers, like a wedding cake.

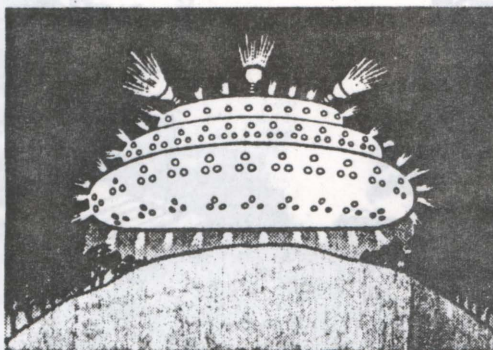
It did not appear to be touching the ground, but resting just above it.

At least six locals say they saw the object about 10 pm.

The Army denied it was connected to a defence operation.

"We didn't have any rehearsals at Puckapunyal which fitted with the descriptions people gave. We did have tanks on the range with searchlights but they were about 20 km away so the lights would have easily diffused," a spokeswoman said today.

A Seymour policeman today said he was treating the sightings as genuine even though the UFO left no trace



GRAPHIC GARRY BRYAN

"They (the witnesses) all seem to be exceptionally genuine. They weren't just people who would come out of the blue and they were genuinely distressed about what they saw," he said.

HV McKay Planetarium director Dr Robin Hirst said the UFO may well have been a belid or exploding meteor.

"I got a call from a pilot who

was coming down over Cooma and the way he described it, the objects sounded very much like a meteor which split into several pieces."

The Australian Skeptics' Mr James Gerrard said there was no scientific explanation for possible UFO sightings.

"(But) people should look for explanations within the realms of science," he said.

Bit of a buzz over UFO 'sightings'

By AMANDA PLACE

STRATH CREEK, 88 km north of Melbourne, is buzzing with excitement after reported sightings of alien spacecraft.

Up to six separate witnesses, including the drivers of two cars, called Seymour police on Tuesday night after seeing the UFO.

The Strath Creek postmaster, who did not want to be named, said he was given a "clear and frightening" description of the UFO.

"It was similar to traditional flying saucers with three tiers, and it was as tall as a two-storey house," he said.

"It had gold lights that flashed on and off.

"The people who related this to me are quite sober and of good repute, I have known them for quite some time."

One witness described the object as being 65 m long and 35 m high, while another caller to Tullamarine airport described it as 8 m high.

The police failed to find any trace of the UFO and are treating the incident as a non-event.



An Army spokesman said there had been tanks 20 km away and although they were using search lights, they would not have been visible.

A spokesman for the Federal Department of Communications and Transport said yesterday there had been no aircraft operating at the time and nothing was recorded on radar.

But tomorrow night, UFO gazers in the area will see some lights.

The Army will rehearse a firepower display to be held for the public on Saturday.

Part of the rehearsal will involve firing powerful battlefield illumination flares up to 600 m from howitzers and mortars.

UFO society's probe

A representative of the Victorian UFO Research Society arrived in Seymour today to investigate the latest reported sighting of an unidentified flying object.

Trevor and Cheryl Kerslake of Reedy Creek sighted what has been described as a possible UFO at the intersection of Elliotts Rd and Broadford-Strath Creek Rd last Thursday.

The incident has been widely reported in the Australian media.

The couple were travelling with their two children at about 9.30 pm when they sighted the object which they described as a "big thing with arm like things sticking out of the top of it and lights all around it."

As soon as they saw the object they drove to the Broadford police station and reported the incident to

the police who then investigated the area and found no trace of anything unusual.

At the time of the sighting it is believed that army trucks were seen travelling through the area.

A check with the Army Public Relation Officer, Lt Col Kevin Wolfe saw that there had been some activity in the area and it may have been involved with that.

At a later stage he said that there was no activity in the area.

A representative from the UFO Society today arrived in Seymour to investigate the matter further.

He is seeking any information in relation to the sighting and has an advertisement in the paper today with a contact number.

He has investigated the frequent sightings in Victoria in the past and believes that this area has one of the highest number of UFO sightings in Australia.

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UFO SIGHTING IS WORTH A PROBE

After several weeks' investigation the Victorian UFO Research Society considers a report of a large illuminated object in a paddock near Broadford is well worth following up,

Paul Norman, a senior UFO Society member, has spent some time in the Seymour-Kilmore area collecting information as a result of the publicised UFO sighting at Reedy Creek on the night of Tuesday, August 25.

"It's definitely a sighting," Mr Norman concluded, after considering the descriptions submitted by Reedy Creek couple, Trevor and Cheryl Kerslake, who rushed to the Broadford Police Station for help after their experience near the corner of Elliott's Road and the Broadford-Strath Creek Road.

Mr Norman told the Free Press other people have reported similar sightings in the district.

He said one motorist has come forward and reported seeing an object which matched the one seen by Mr and Mrs Kerslake.

This sighting had been made between Kilmore and Broad-

ford, he added.

While there had been suggestions that the UFO sightings on the night of August 25 could have been explained by "the southern lights," Mr Norman rejected this on a directional basis.

He said his group finds there is generally a logical explanation for a large number of reports of unidentified flying objects, but in the August 25 case, he still regarded it as unexplainable.

Mr Norman said the UFO group, a volunteer body, would welcome any further information from people in the Free Press area who had experiences to relate.

They are advised to write to the committee, P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin, Victoria 3189, or to telephone Judith Magee on 03-5922502.

He said the society is in direct contact with leading scientists who are trying to solve the UFO phenomenon.

Southern lights 'were the UFO'

BY GREG KERR

Earthlings who witnessed a mysterious UFO hovering in northern Victoria last Tuesday night were probably watching the splendor of *Aurora Australis*, otherwise known as the southern lights.

H. V. McKay Planetarium director Dr Robin Hirst has delivered this verdict after

scrutinising varying accounts of the spectacle.

So how can a local galactic phenomenon justly end all the talk about a strange wedding-cake shaped craft and a clandestine army exercise at Puckapunyal near Seymour?

Dr Hirst said shafts of light from *Aurora Australis* had combined with exploding

meteors to prompt sightings from Cooma to Colac.

He said it was easy for the untrained observer to mistake fleeting appearances by the southern lights for something more sinister.

"The auroras are very high in the sky and they are reported to us four or five times a year at this latitude."

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Unidentified flying objects: Kirkland researcher tracks elusive evidence for national network

By Carol Fern
Staff Reporter

Donald Johnson's conversation is littered with terms like "multi-variate data analysis" that make it easy to believe he has just completed graduate work for a degree in research psychology.

Harder to believe is that he is also the Washington State Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Johnson, who lives in a quiet, residential neighborhood near central Kirkland with his wife and two daughters, is eager to dispell the popular misconception that people who study the Unidentified Flying Object phenomenon are superstitious or deluded.

"Some data has been collected about people's attitudes toward's UFO's," he said. "And what they've found is that people who are younger, higher income, higher education, are more likely to believe UFO's are real."

Johnson became interested in UFO's at the time of a "flap" or series of sightings, in 1966, while he was still in high school. He later went to the University of Colorado and worked with Dr. David Saunders, a psychologist who was part of a U.S. Air Force team that studied UFO sightings in the late 1960s.

Today, as state director of MUFON, Johnson helps collect information about sightings in Washington state, and corresponds with researchers in other states who are studying various aspects of the UFO



As Washington State Director of the Mutual UFO Network, Kirklander Don Johnson has accumulated a wealth of information about UFO sightings in the Pacific Northwest and around

phenomenon. MUFON, a national network, includes about 1100 volunteers who investigate and record UFO sightings. Johnson occasionally holds training sessions to teach volunteer field in-

vestigators how to interview witnesses, or search for physical traces left by UFO's.

The first step is an interview of the witness. Standard questions include the size of the ob-

ject, its behavior, speed, and appearance, and any physical effects resulting from the encounter.

Next, investigators go to the scene of the sighting and look for physical evidence, such as

radiation, depressions in the earth, or changes in soil or plants.

"The problem with the analysis of the data is that even if it is good data, it's sometimes patchy, depending on how good

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the field investigators are," commented Johnson.

Graduate training as a psychologist has led Johnson to be wary of "eye-witness" testimony and the distortions that pre-conceived notions exercise on memory. Nonetheless, he believes that most people who report a UFO sighting really have seen something they, and often the scientific community, cannot explain.

"The reason I've stuck with it so long," he said, "is that when you talk to witnesses, (even though you do encounter your share of people who are having delusions), you come away with the impression that there really is something serious going on here."

In fact, according to Johnson, most people who see a UFO, far from seeking the limelight, are reluctant to report the sighting, because of the "ridiculous element."

Top priority for Johnson is to "convince the scientific establishment that something is going on that is worthy of their attention."

As a psychologist and statistical analyst, Johnson is curious about the social science aspects of UFO's: who sees them, where do they see them, at what times, and under what conditions.

"Even if this is an entirely psychological phenomenon, studying it would contribute greatly to our understanding of mass hallucination, etcetera," Johnson said.

But he does not believe that UFO's are simply the product

of overactive imaginations.

"I think this is, at least sometimes, a physical phenomenon," he said. "It does leave physical evidence."

For instance, many people who sight UFO's report that their automobile stalled or almost stalled when the UFO passed over.

Researchers of the effect believe that some kind of high intensity fluctuating magnetic field interferes with the cars' electrical systems, causing them to stall.

By studying records of such incidents, Johnson has found a statistical correlation between distance, duration, and size of the object, and the intensity of the effect on the automobile.

"For example," he said, "if the UFO came within 500 feet of the car, stayed for over 30 seconds, then the car would likely come to a complete stop."

To get these results, Johnson analyzed records based on the testimony of independent individuals who reported sightings all over the world, over a period of years.

Another interested researcher in Oregon has done a laboratory study showing the likely effects of the kind of magnetic pulse UFO investigators think causes the car failures, so that field investigators will be able to identify tell-tale signs of the effect, Johnson said.

But such studies are few and far between.

"The truth about science is that the research goes on where the money is," he said.

Johnson believes a comprehensive UFO research program would cost about \$6 million, and that the public would support federal government involvement in such a project.

A satellite surveillance system in underpopulated areas (where UFO's are usually sighted) would provide possible verification for individual sightings.

Physicists and engineers would be assigned to investigate the vehicle interference effect, and other physical evidence of UFO's.

Johnson also advocates a random survey of the general population, in order to solicit a representative sampling of reports and compensate for the "reluctance" factor in reporting.

Finally, Johnson envisions an archival center that would support statistical research to look for patterns in the data already collected.

Johnson, who calls himself a "skeptic," does not believe that there is any compelling evidence that UFO's are extraterrestrial in origin.

What they are, Johnson argues, is unexplained.

And that alone should provoke the scientific community to investigate, he said.

"When we solve this problem, it may be a quantum jump in our knowledge of the universe," he said. "Or it may not."

"But even if you acknowledge that the subject isn't necessarily compelling for astronomers, still social scientists should wonder, what are all these people reporting and why?"

15 April 1987 Courier Review, wa, USA

MYSTERY LIGHTS ON THE INCREASE

SINCE JANUARY, this year, sightings have been on the increase within various areas of Australia. The first report for the year came from a commercial pilot who was flying a twin engine Aero Commander from Canberra to Moorabbin, on the 15th January, then at 3.00am a Mystery Light overtook him at CORRYONG and paced his aircraft until he reached EILDON vicinity. The light then shot away from his aircraft rapidly accelerating at a fantastic speed towards the east.

Other outstanding reports reached VUFORS from Western Australia. Witness K.H. wrote that a light approached from the east towards the Learmonth, W.A. Airstrip (northern end) as the airstrip lights were turned on at 1900 hours. 9th June, 1987. It was moving in a zig-zag course to the left and right of its axis. It was at about 5,000ft at this time as it arrived over the airstrip. It then went into a hover and remained stationary for some 6-7 minutes. The light was changing colour from white to amber. The observer was not able to see a shape other than a round light. The object then moved upwards into the light cloud, but was still visible with binoculars. It then moved in the direction of NE slowly at first then at a great speed. The cloud was at 10,000ft plus at the time.

K.H. and a Colleague were awaiting a C130 Aircraft to takeoff at 1915 hours. The object had disappeared at 1910. The observers tried to establish communication on VHF with the air-crew. Communications were not established either on primary or the alternate frequency. Two VHF radios were used and both had 2 fresh batteries fitted. A C130 was at 10,000ft, and even when it flew directly over the airstrip, communication was non-existent. The pilot of the C130 also tried to establish communications on VHF primary and alternate frequencies with no success.

This was the first time, during the period from the 3rd to 9th June, that communications from ground to air with the C130 had failed.

Several other reports of mystery lights are now being investigated and significant cases will be published in future editions.

by William Moore

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Intelligence Study No. 201 proposed jointly by the Navy Department and Intelligence Agency Memorandum to the
U.S. Maritime Court (CMB 3 v/s. NMA, 1960), this is the first preliminary report on U.S. Navy to be
released by the U.S. government. It also a breakthrough in the use of rights. It may well represent the tip of an as yet
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TOP SECRET 1993 Air Intelligence Report of a close range VED sighting by U.S. Senator **Max Baucus** and his party while on a tour of Soviet Russia. Included a drawing of the object and considerable detail, as well as Senator Baucus' own comment that according to the Air Force, "this object was reported to exist." Officially classified **TOP SECRET**. Declassified 1999. **(S)** (P-13)

FOR THE OFFICES OF AIRCRAFT LIGHTS AND TOWNS" by Mrs. Loretta Hamilton and Michael Postlewaite. Analytical paper attempting to link the relationship with Oswald's activities. B-526 (4-29-63)

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-ALAN L.P.B. (PERSOONAL) WHO SIGHTING OF 7 JULY 1973. FIDA release from the National Security Agency of multiple releases of this subject. An excellent case. 1970, 25, 20 (D-35)

TRINIDAD ISLAND (MAY 1, TWO STOPPING (AND PROCEEDING) OF 16 JANUARY, 1958). STATISTICS OF EVENTS BY U.S. NAVAL AIRCRAFT (PLACE IN DATE) AND INFORMATION ON THE AIRCRAFT.
110. The photographs of this Saturn-shaped UFO over Trinidad Island have been widely distributed over the years. The report of the event, however, has enjoyed somewhat less attention. Completely misquoting copy, 11-50 (1-1-52) NOTES reported only. Does not include copies of photographs.

4706 A THE KILL, by Horrie K. Jessup. A micrographic copy (for research purposes) of this well-written but seldom seen book. Originally published in 1996. 166pp. \$2.00 (B-260)

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NOTES: THE ENLIGHTENED FACTORY, by Brian Patten. (1967) Short paper (1000+ words) containing some interesting thoughts on the relationship of biological as well as physical law in the universe. \$1.25 (4-26)

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'Alien crash' papers just a flying fraud

THE cottage industry that has grown up around flying saucers and little green men from outer space — the writers, photographers and Hollywood armchairists who since the Forties have embellished the legend with rich detail — was dealt a hard blow yesterday.

A sheaf of official-looking White House documents which caused a flurry of interest last spring among true believers in flying saucers and visitors from outer space had been exposed as "chummy counterfeits".

The papers, purporting to be from the Truman White House, claimed the Pentagon secretly had recovered a crashed flying saucer in 1947 and was examining the bodies of four alien creatures from space.

The papers gave details of a top-secret unit called Majestic 12, or MJ-12, which President Truman supposedly had created to study the Unidentified Flying Object, its passengers and its contents.

Over the years, variations of this story, replete with details of a secret hangar maintained by the US Air Force as a warehouse for the crashed UFO and of a clandestine morgue where the bodies of the four alien creatures were said to be kept in a deep freeze, have cropped up in numerous reports and television "documentaries."

The documents were made public in May by Mr William Moore, a researcher on UFOs. He told a press conference that his research team had found a key White House report in the National Archives which mentioned a change in plans for an MJ-12 briefing for President Eisenhower in 1954.

Another document purported to be an order from Mr Truman to Mr James Forrestal, his Defence Secretary, instructing him to create the Majestic 12 unit. A third paper, which Mr Moore said was provided by an anonymous source, was a purported briefing paper for President-elect Eisenhower informing the man about to take over from Truman of the Pentagon secret.

One of America's more infamous UFO stories has finally been revealed as a hoax. IAN BALL reports from New York

The documents were examined by a group of scientists organised by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

Its chairman, Dr Paul Kurtz, a University of Buffalo philosophy professor, said the investigators concluded that the documents represented "one of the most deliberate acts of deception ever perpetrated against the news media and the public".

THEY found that one of the documents had been created by superimposing a spurious message on a photograph of an authentic Truman letter.

Another was proved a hoax when inquiries established that the White House aide who was said to have prepared a report on the MJ-12 unit was not in Washington when the report supposedly was written. He had left for Europe 11 days earlier.

"Whoever concocted the papers also slipped up in marking one document 'Top Secret Restricted Information' — a designation not used until the Nixon Administration, three presidencies later.

And the purported briefing paper for Eisenhower as he prepared to move into the White House made no sense to the investigators because it described the 1947 crash as if Eisenhower had never heard of it.

Eisenhower was Army Chief of Staff at the time and would have known about such a remarkable event.

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Abducted by UFO entities?

By Mikael Blomqvist, Archives for UFO Research

Gigantic luminous objects with light-beams, cigar-shaped vehicles, radiation symptoms on witnesses, disturbances on TV and radio reception - these are a few samples of what was reported during the great UFO wave over Vällentuna, Sweden, in 1974.

During a few months hundreds of UFO reports came from a concentrated area near Marika, Örtasta and Lindholm in Vällentuna, which is situated about 20 km to the north of Stockholm city. Most often it was big, luminous bodies of light that came flying over the rooftops.

Cars paced

- It was so horrible I wish it had never happened. I got the impression that we were checked out by someone - like a big torch that swooped the area.

This is how Hillevi Andersson from Örtasta described her experience of March 24, 1974. (1) On this Sunday afternoon she tries, several times, to call her parents at Malahagen on the phone. But no signals come through. The line is broken. Therefore, with her children Cecilia, Elisabeth and Robert she goes by car to her parents. It is about 19.00 hours. Near Lindholm they catch sight of a big light hovering at an altitude of about one hundred meters. It disappears behind some trees.

As they arrive, Hillevi's parents Svea and Hilding Andersson report there had been disturbances on their TV during the evening. While Hillevi and her children prepare to continue their journey - to visit Hillevi's brother - Svea Andersson observes a sharp light outside the house. By now the children are thoroughly frightened and want to go back home.

Hillevi and her children go on to Hilding Andersson at Strättbäcken. He escorts them back home by following in his car. On the road to Örtasta an object passes the road, in front of Hilding's car but behind Hillevi's. He sounds the horn but the people in the vehicle in front don't notice this. Later, they all spot a luminous object towards the village of Örtasta. They stop the cars at a crossroads to observe.

At a distance of about 400 meters a big luminous object hovers in the air, possibly at ten meters from the ground. A smaller object, shaped like a hemisphere and orange, is hovering near a barn without any motion. Two airplanes pass by at low altitude.

The group leaves the area. The children are worried and frightened. The objects follow Hillevi's car, one on each side. The big object directs beams on the car. Hilding can see, from the other car, that this object is bell-shaped with small hemispheres beneath.

Distressed by the incident they arrive home at Örtasta at about nine. As after-effects the children have headaches and stomach pains. Hillevi has kidney pains for several days after the sighting.

Official non-interest

Quite many witnesses saw the luminous objects this eventful Sunday evening, and there were many reports of malfunctioning telephones and TV-sets.

The UFO flap attracted much media attention. FÖA (the Research Institute of National Defence) and the local Home Guard was called in. Professor Stig Lundquist of the Thunder Research Institute of Hushyberg thought that it could have been northern lights or electric arcs from malfunctioning power lines. (2)

Dr. Tage Eriksson of FÖA said that his institute had no resources for investigations. He believed it might have been helicopters or some kind of natural phenomenon. (3)

The one who showed the greatest interest was Hardy Bröström, deputy chief of the local Home Guard. He got several reports from witnesses whom he considered reliable. These reports were compiled and sent to the Military Area Staff in Strängnäs, to the Defence Staff, and to FÖA.

Hillevi Andersson was not satisfied with the Defence forces treatment, and explanation of, the incidents.

- I won't give up. I want this cleared up, she said.

The abduction

About two days before the Hillevi Andersson sighting there was another incident that has become the most wellknown of the Vällentuna reports. This is one of the rare Swedish cases of an abduction.

At five minutes past midnight on Saturday, March 23, Mr. Harald Andersson (a non de plume) comes out from the parish house at Marika to catch a breath of air. But instead of going back into the house Harald starts to stroll away. Some interior power forces him to go home, along a route that he never uses.

It's as if an inner voice urges him to follow the forest road. The night is clear and cold. As he has passed a small cottage he sees two rustic stables by the side of the road. On the opposite side of the road is a bare hillside.

Suddenly a blinding light comes from the left side of the road. The light gets stronger. It is coming at high speed and Harald is forced to throw himself by the side of the road not to be caught in the strong light.

After this Harald has no further recollections until he finds himself standing in front of the door to his house in Lindholm. As his wife opens she is shocked. Harald holds an handkerchief to his forehead. He is bleeding from a deep wound and his right chest is burned.

What had really happened to Harald Andersson this night? Had he fallen on a stone and lost his consciousness and then, half conscious, managed to wander home? But what about the interior voice and the mysterious light?

Hypnosis

Sven Lindgren of Arbetsgruppen för UFO-identifiering (Stockholm), who heard about the case, made contact with Dr. Ture Arvidsson, a well-known hypnosis therapist at the Danderyd hospital. Harald Andersson was hypnotized on two occasions, on April 1 and May 20, 1974. Sven Lindgren, Robert Larsson (a publisher) and I attended both sessions.

What Harald Andersson said during hypnosis was astonishing. This is a direct transcript from the tape recording:

Ture Arvidsson: Now we will save ourselves in time to this Friday evening when you had been to this entertainment and you were going home. You were going along the road, and now you are going to tell us what happens.

Harald Andersson: I'm coming to a crossroads.
TA: Yes, you are coming to a crossroads.
HA: I'm being forced to the right.
TA: Is it dark?
HA: Yes, it's dark and clear and cold. No...no!
TA: What's happening?
HA: Light, light!
TA: Is it a strong light?
HA: Yes, I'm blinded. There is no light such as this. I can't describe it... I throw myself in the snow. I'm lifted straight up, trying to free myself. I can't, I'm stuck.

TA: What happens then?
HA: (Cries out in agony)

TA: Was it terrible? How, he asks.
HA: They take me, they take me (cries).
TA: Who are they? How, take it easy, just easy, just easy. Is it terrible? Do they look like humans?
HA: No they don't. They are transparent.
TA: How many are they?
HA: Four.

Harald's emotional reactions during this part of the session were very strong. He was screaming, ticking and weeping so much that the hypnotist almost had to sit on him to keep him on the couch. It was a shaking and bewildering experience to witness these sessions. No one could doubt that the incident was genuine.

Harald said he had thrown himself into the ditch to avoid the strong light. He never reached the ground, however, but was sucked up into the vehicle. The entities were rather tall, 180-190 cm, and robust. On one occasion he claimed they looked like Indians. They had eyes, noses and mouths, but he saw neither ears nor hair, probably because they seemed to have some kind of hood on.

Fight with the entities

There was like a shimmering light around the creatures. Apparently they communicated via some kind of melodic tones. When one of the entities came towards Harald, holding an instrument, there was a fight. From the May 20 hypnosis session:

TA: How did you get this wound in your forehead?
HA: Hurt, I was hurt.
TA: How did it happen?
HA: I defended myself. They were going to pierce me.
TA: Were they to pierce you?
HA: They put an instrument...
TA: How did it look like?
HA: I'm not allowed to say that, no.
TA: Have they threatened you in some way?
HA: No, no.

When one of the creatures came up to Harald holding the instrument, he defended himself. He pulled down one of them, who was helped by the others. After that incident, the device was put against Harald's forehead. This created an intense and burning pain. It is difficult to judge whether the pain was caused by the wound in his forehead or by the burnt spot on his chest.

Harald was requested to keep silent about what had happened. On several occasions, during both sessions, he says: "I'm not allowed to tell you". It seems as if the entities had planted some psychic block in his mind. They also forbade him to seek medical help.

Finally they said "See you again" and brought him to the doorstep of his villa. There he regained consciousness and his wife found him standing on the doorstep.

After-effects

From Ture Arvidsson's diagnosis we learned that Harald had never had an epileptic attack or anything similar.

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In the discussion after the first hypnosis Robert Larson asked: "How do you as an experienced hypnotist value what Harold has said".

Ture Arvidsson: To me it is completely inexplicable.

RL: Is it the truth that comes through at occasions like this?
TA: Yes, one usually tells the truth during hypnosis.

One researcher who has studied Harald Andersson is Arne Grøth. He found some strange gifts with the witness after the experience: (4)

- He has a general rise of some psychical sensitivities. When he was preparing electro stencils at his work, they became completely black, which never happened when a work-mate took over. This indicates that there were very strong electrical fields around him for some time. Before the incident he was long-sighted, wearing eye-glasses. Now he discovered that he had no need for them.

Further investigations showed that Harald Andersson had become very sensitive to different kinds of radiation. If one held a rock-crystal over the sound in his forehead, he experienced a tingling or sucking in his head. He could detect a rock-crystal several hundred meters away, if it was big enough.

After the incident he also had premonitions when a UFO was in the area. He felt like a suction almost as if he was taking

off from the ground, and he could also sense from what direction they were to arrive. "They are inside of me", he said on one occasion.

Still, Harald has no idea what happened to him, even though he theorizes on space creatures:

- I don't know, I can't judge. I don't know what it was. It couldn't have been human beings...they are not humans, he declared after the first session.

Today Harald lives a normal family life in Vallentuna. He has still his sensitivity to certain forces but wants no publicity. His wife does not want him to talk about UFOs.

The Andersson case is unique in that it is the only well documented case of an abduction in Sweden. It still lacks an explanation as does similar cases in other parts of the world.

Source notes:

1. Dagens Nyheter, Stockholm, April 5, 1974. Also: Project UKB, transcription of taped interview from Vallentuna.
2. Norrtelje Tidning, April 5, 1974.
3. Norrtelje Tidning, April 3, 1974; Aftonbladet, April 4, 1974.
4. Transcription of tape from an interview in the radio programme "Nya dimensioner" (New dimensions), October 1981.

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Cosmic Watergate uncovered in documents, 'UFOlogist' says

FREDERICTON (CP) — Stanton Friedman is banking on Rick Olsen and his radar screen to help prove there are intelligently controlled, extra-terrestrial spacecraft out there.

Friedman, a Fredericton-based nuclear physicist and lecturer, is one of North America's most ardent proponents of the space-visitor theory. What Olsen saw on the evening of May 16 may help prove him right — that and new documents UFO researchers claim uncover a "cosmic Watergate."

Olsen, 37, a pilot with 21 years flying experience, was at the controls of a Boeing 737 when its weather radar system picked up an object six times bigger than a jumbo jet streaking across the sky at 8,200 km/h.

Olsen tracked the object for four minutes on the airplane's Primus 90 weather radar during a flight from Toronto to Winnipeg.

The plane was just north of Thunder Bay, Ont., when the radar picked up a strong signal about 80 kilometres away. That was unusual since the radar is designed to pick up storms and only large aircraft at

close range show on the screen. Even then, 747s, DC-10s and L-1011s appear only as small green dots.

"This return indicated something six times the size of a 747, about the size of an aircraft carrier," Olsen said.

The crew made adjustments to make sure the radar was working properly. It was. They were never close enough for a visual sighting.

Sightings collected

For Friedman, a dedicated "UFOlogist," Olsen's sighting is more evidence Earth is being visited by extra-terrestrials.

Friedman has spent 30 years collecting sightings like Olsen's and ploughing through documents and newspapers in archives and libraries across North America.

He feels the evidence is overwhelming that we are being visited by aliens from other solar systems, but now he and other UFO devotees feel they have documents which could conclusively prove their case.

The documents would also prove there has been an on-going, high-level cover-up in the United States.

"These documents verify we are

dealing with a cosmic Watergate," says Friedman. "They verify that a small group of people have been very concerned right from 1947 when they had a crashed saucer and that the world is a different place from what it was before we knew this — there are aliens coming to planet Earth."

The secret reports and memos, obtained by UFO researchers in the United States and Britain from "inside sources," claim the bodies of four aliens from a crashed flying saucer were recovered 40 years ago near Roswell, N.M.

The incident at Roswell in July 1947 is one of the key episodes in UFO history. First news reports from the scene said a flying saucer had crashed, but the story was later changed to a weather balloon and dismissed by authorities.

The government documents supposedly leaked to the UFO community mention a mysterious committee, code-named Operation Majestic 12, made up of 12 powerful U.S. military and government officials that probed the crash.

William Moore, a UFO researcher



Friedman says documents prove UFOs visited Earth.

in Burbank, Calif., said the leaked documents include a signed memo from then-president Harry Truman concerning Majestic 12.

The documents describe the bodies as four, small human-like beings who ejected from their craft before the crash.

A top-secret briefing paper claims then U.S. CIA director Admiral Roscoe Hickenkoetter reported that

"although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens."

Friedman and Moore believe the Roswell crash was covered up because the discovery had such enormous ramifications for society, it could not be revealed.

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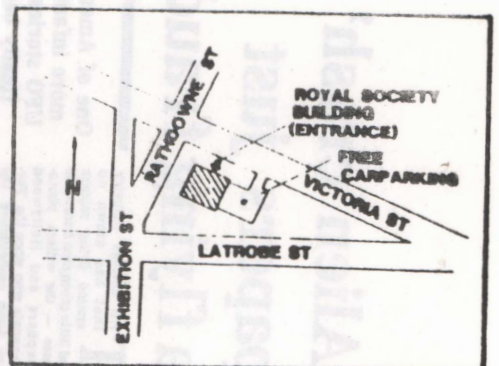
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Happy 40th birthday, UFOs!

By Keay Davidson
EXAMINER SCIENCE WRITER

UFOs are back in the news, just in time for their 40th birthday party.

Until recently, unidentified flying objects or "flying saucers" seemed to be passe — a relic of pop culture as dated as tail fins. Saucer sightings had plummeted from all-time highs in the 1960s and early 1970s. Eighty to 90 percent of the sightings turned out to have mundane explanations — e.g., balloons, advertising planes, bright stars and planets, even wind-blown trash. The news media almost quit covering amateur "UFOlogists" who slugged through swamps and forests, looking for UFO "traces" such as scorch marks.

During the last decade, even Hollywood blockbusters such as "E.T." and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" triggered surprisingly few sightings of the allegedly glowing, fast-moving UFOs, which according to one saucer buff, "make 90-degree turns that would tear the intestines out of you and me."

But now, UFOlogy is on the comeback trail. A major reason is the publication of new and purportedly true UFO books about saucer pilots who "kidnap" humans. One book is "Communion," by professional horror-writer Whitley Strieber, and has hit first place on the New York Times best seller list.

Also, UFO fans have scheduled conferences in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and New York City for next month, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first "modern" saucer sighting.

On June 24th, 1947, private pilot Kenneth Arnold reported seeing several saucer-shaped objects zip past Mount Rainier. His account sparked a national firestorm of saucer reports and gave birth to the UFO fad.

"UFOs are just another societal issue that screams out for attention from society's leaders," says Larry Bryant, one of the leaders of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy in Alexandria, Va. He is "80 percent confident" that the U.S. government has recovered at least one crashed saucer. In recent years he and colleagues have used the Freedom of Information Act to obtain government memos about UFOs.

Bryant — a writer for U.S. Army publications — is suing his employer and other military agencies for permission to run ads seeking information from military personnel who have seen or been "abducted" by UFOs. Far at sea, "sailors are targets not just for Iraqi missiles but for UFOs," Bryant warns.

Abductions are the theme of Strieber's book and "Intruders: The Incredible Visitation at Copley Woods" by Budd Hopkins.

These books present souped-up versions of an old and, to skeptics, thoroughly discredited UFO legend: that UFO pilots — who often resemble anorexic little dough boys — kidnap earthlings and subject them to weird medical examinations. After release, an abductee mysteriously "forgets" his experience, but can recall it under hypnosis.

In response, one of the nation's leading UFO-busters, Philip J. Klass, recently offered \$10,000 to anyone whose UFO "abduction" is confirmed by the FBI.

"If I'm wrong I can be bankrupted," says Klass, a noted aerospace writer. "I'm 67 years old, I have a very modest pension, and I have nothing to gain. So I risk every penny to demonstrate my confidence that ... extraterrestrials ... aren't invading our homes and kidnapping us from our cars."

Klass says hypnosis is an unreliable way to "recall" UFO abductions. Experiments by Alvin Lawson of Cal State-Long Beach and his associates have revealed that after gentle prodding under hypnosis a person will weave wild tales about UFO kidnappings and other fantastic things that never happened.

A famous parallel is the celebrat-

ed "Bridey Murphy" case of the 1960s, in which a hypnotized woman described her "past life" as an Irish lass named Bridey Murphy. The case led to a best-selling book and movie. Later, a Chicago newspaper reporter discovered evidence that the woman had innocently recalled unconscious memories of tales told her in childhood by an Irish neighbor whose maiden name had been Bridey Murphy.

News media tend to ballyhoo bizarre UFO claims without adequate investigation, Klass charged. "If Gary Hart had sought to explain the Donna Rice incident by claiming Donna Rice was working for the Republican Party or one of his Democratic opponents ... would the Washington Post have swallowed that story (without checking it out)? Hell no."

Backed by best-sellers, UFOlogy is on the comeback trail

The latest UFO fuss is "unbelievable, absolutely damaying," says Klass' colleague Paul Kurtz, head of a Buffalo, N.Y.-based organization of professional skeptics, the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). "All of a sudden the dam has burst, this stuff is really coming down, particularly in the last few weeks. We're attempting to evaluate what's happening."

Kurtz, Klass and CSICOP member James Randi, a professional magician, are meeting this month to decide on a course of action.

Why bother? Aren't UFOs just harmless fun? Not necessarily: "If this whole society begins to abandon rationality, how are we going to solve these complicated problems we face?" asks Kurtz, who teaches philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Kurtz's charge that the latest UFO fad is a "media event" is backed by data from an unlikely source — the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Chicago. (The Center is named for its late founder, a Northwestern University astronomer who served as a scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force's now-defunct UFO study known as Project Blue Book.)

The facts are simple: Although media interest in UFOs is up, the number of sightings hasn't changed at all, said CUFOS scientific director Mark Rodeghier. In fact, "the number of sightings has decreased tremendously, at least 75 percent, from the levels of the 1960s and 1970s. No one is sure why."

In other words: For the time being, the UFO "comeback" is taking place mainly in bookstores, newspapers and TV shows — not in the skies.

"Here we are in the Year of the UFO, with three major books on the market, Shirley MacLaine preaching the Gospel of Our Lady of the Pleiades, and a Japanese airliner

serving French wine to gigantic flying walnuts. ... (Yet in) the first five months of 1987, the UFO Information Service has recorded only 27 sightings," as one UFO buff recently complained.

He registered his complaint as part of a unique "forum": a 40th anniversary, nationwide UFO "debate" taking place on personal computers linked by telephone lines. The "debate" is sponsored by a computerized "bulletin board" called Paranet, based in Fountain Hills, Arizona.

For several years, CUFOS kept a "hotline" phone for police to report UFOs. But eventually CUFOS pulled the plug on the hotline because they learned a shocking fact: When it comes to UFOs, cops are "not any better as witnesses than average ordinary witnesses," Rodeghier said.

"Believe me, I know," he sighed during a telephone interview. "I have talked to citizens and police, intelligent people, who sat and watched the planet Venus rising in the east for an hour, (yet) thought it was a UFO moving across half the sky. I've had more than enough cases like that to fill the rest of my life."

Rodeghier estimates that about 90 percent of UFO sightings are explainable as ordinary phenomena. As for the other 10 percent — well, "there's not enough evidence to support any position. ..."

"Unless they land tomorrow on the White House lawn, we have a long way to go before coming to a conclusion. We don't see any light at the end of the tunnel."

Exposés of UFO sightings often



Witness' sketch of UFO pilot

appear in CSICOP's entertaining and well-written magazine, Skeptical Inquirer. The most prolific authors include Robert Sheaffer of San Jose and Klass.

Some of Skeptical Inquirer's most revealing articles have shed light on the psychological aspects of UFO sightings.

For example: One UFO sighting may beget many sightings or, as Jimmy Durante complained, "Everybody wants to get into the act." This was dramatically demonstrat-

'A certain percentage of the population wants to believe in the supernatural, and in a free country that's fine'

ed by English researchers who deliberately created fake UFOs by erecting bright lights on a distant hillside. Witnesses reported seeing the "UFOs," which made headlines locally. Then for many days afterwards, local residents reported increasingly colorful sightings of other UFOs that flew at high speeds,

changed colors, turned at sharp angles, etc. It's as if each subsequent witness was playing a game of, "Can you top this?"

CSICOP's exposés have infuriated UFO devotees.

Klass is "patronizing and obnoxious," charges Craig Phillips, vice chairman of the Maryland-based Fund for UFO Research. Klass is a "horrible" investigator, says Walter Andrus Jr., international director of the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network, purportedly the biggest UFO club in the world with 1,500 members. "He twists the facts, disregards facts ... His mind's already made up."

And one UFO enthusiast recently lamented on Paranet: "I envision in the near future bumper stickers that say, 'Kill a Believer for CSICOP.'"

Klass laughs about his critics. "A certain percentage of the population wants to believe in the supernatural, and in a free country that's fine," he chuckled. "All that I ask is for the opportunity of rebuttal."

Hynek's death last year deprived UFO fans of their most respected and outspoken scientific ally. To recoup the loss, they're trying to assemble other supporters with impressive credentials.

One of them is Phillips, a biologist and former director of the National Aquarium in Washington, D.C. The Fund's board of directors includes astrophysicist Richard C. Henry of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, psychologist Richard Haines of NASA's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, and Eugene Clark, a noted zoologist and shark expert at the University of Maryland.

"I think someone on Earth knows what these (UFOs) are but is keeping it under cover," Clark said. However, she "finds it hard to believe they're spaceships" and suggests they're a secret project by the United States or another nation.

A serious student of UFO "abductions" is psychologist Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming, who has hypnotized numerous people in an effort to help them recall their "encounters" with extraterrestrials. He also studies reincarnation and suspects that he has had a variety of interesting past lives: "A black slave in Africa, a young woman in Peru who wanted to read, a Roman soldier, a charioteer, a swordsman, an Irish boxer, an Eastern monk. ..."

Even more extreme are UFO "contactees" — people who claim to have met and chatted pleasantly with UFO pilots, or even flown aboard the saucers to the planets. Contactees (unlike abductees) usually describe the aliens as being angelic beings, utterly perfect in body, thought and deed — like high-tech versions of old-fashioned angels.

Why are UFOs so popular? A possible reason is that in a secular age, the discs serve as "a sort of deity substitute," says psychologist Barry Singer, co-author of "Science and the Paranormal." People are less likely to believe in gods who'll save us from woe, so instead they turn to nuts and bolts "gods": flying saucer inhabitants who, they hope, are "coming to rescue us from personal troubles, social troubles, international troubles."

He added with a laugh: "I know how they feel. I get so discouraged sometimes about the way the world is going, I'd like a flying saucer to come down and fix it."

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This issue covers only a few Norwegian cases, while unfortunately, neither Sweden nor Finland were able to contribute with material this time. However, the Norwegian cases seem rather interesting, especially perhaps the one from Hengsle; although it may sound rather incredible (p. 6). We have also included an excerpt from the meeting of the Hessdalen Committee (p. 3), together with the highlighting of Paul Norman's visit to Norway.

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PAUL NORMAN VISITS NORWAY

By Mentz Kaarbo

During the week from 11 to 18 April 1986 UFO-Norge was visited by the noted Australian ufologist, Mr. Paul Norman; representing the Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS). He arrived in Oslo Friday 11 April and met representatives for UFO-Norge, before he travelled to Tønsberg, being guest at UFO-Norge representative Odd-Gunnar Reed. Here he stayed until Sunday and then left

by train heading for Trondheim. There he met the Project Leader of Project Hessdalen, Mr. Leif Havik and stayed at his place (at Støren) for three days. Together they made a couple of daily trips to the Hessdalen valley, when, naturally enough, Mr. Norman was very keen to take a look at this famous place.

When returning from Mr. Havik on Thursday 17 April, he made his trip towards Bergen via Oslo and arrived here early on Friday. Unfortunately, he had to leave for Oslo and Stockholm just half a day later. However, during the few hours I had the pleasure of talking with him, I received a lot of impressions from the ufological community, both in Australia and the world as a whole. It was clearly evident that Mr. Norman had many connections with several other noted ufologists and it came to my knowledge that he spends quite a time travelling around the world to various UFO-congresses, especially in the USA. He is a representative of CUFOS, MUFON and BUFORA in Australia; in addition he partly maintains the exchange of publications and material with various other organisations, both nationally and overseas. Presently, he serves as Vice-President and Investigations Officer in VUFORS.

All in all, it was a very pleasant and informative meeting; exchanging ideas in the broadest sense. The same holds true for the other representatives who also made useful contacts and further expanded the cooperation between our organizations.

NORWAY

PROJECT HESSDALEN

By Odd-Gunnar Røed

During the autumn of 1985 Oslo was to have hosted a large international meeting. More than 100 people from many parts of the world had been invited to the Project Hessdalen Workshop, which was to be held during the weekend of 2 and 3 November 1985.

However, it appeared that too little time had been allowed between the invitation and the actual conference; so an ordinary meeting of the Hessdalen Committee was held instead at the home of Erling Strand, at Eidsvoll, ca. 70 km north of Oslo.

Håkan Ekstrand, Ulf Ekstedt, Mats Nilsson and Christer Nordin represented Riksorganisationen UFO-Sverige; Leif Havik, Odd-Gunnar Røed and Erling Strand participated on behalf of UFO-Norge. In addition, Knut Aasheim visited the Committee during Friday 1 November although he was not able to attend on subsequent days.

Results

Firstly, it was decided that the Project Hessdalen Workshop should be postponed until April 1986. It was further agreed that the range of participants should be extended to include the Parapsychological Society of Norway, the Norwegian Esoteric Society, and PSI, a related organisation. All possible connections in this matter must be explored.

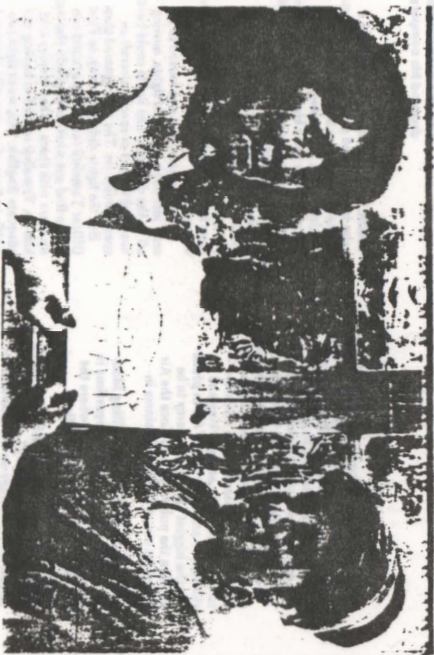
However, as invited participants are already aware, the workshop was subsequently postponed indefinitely due to lack of interest and other factors. Activity in Hessdalen has been rather low during the last year, resulting in a lack of commitment, both nationally and internationally. We can only hope that this unique phenomenon will regain attention by rising in activity, leading to renewed research at high levels.

Since the level of activity at "Project Hessdalen" itself is rather uncertain, the key to further progress must be the setting up of a contingency fund. Neither the Swedish nor the Norwegian organisations can finance the project, as it is at present, for another year. Instead, we must accumulate resources to equip a project-vehicle (i.e. a mobile laboratory) which may be sent either to Hessdalen or elsewhere in Scandinavia, to monitor ongoing UFO-phenomena. The fund, which will be a joint Norwegian and Swedish affair, will keep the old designation of "Project Hessdalen" even though resources may be transferred to other places; because this name is widely known. Our present goal is a fund of at least some tens of thousands Nkr (roughly equaling 1000-2000 £ or \$), so we hereby invite interested persons to contribute!

As part of the fund raising operation, RUFOS, the Swedish organisation, has produced some special four-colour stickers, selling for Nkr. 25,-; because this is a limited edition, they will certainly acquire a collector's value in years to come. In addition, we will produce a smaller sticker, which should attract peoples' attention both in Sweden and in Norway. The wording will be: "Support Independent Research, - promote Project Hessdalen". This public relations operation will be backed by advertising in local newspapers.

Another "Hessdalen item" from RUFOS is a pen bearing the words "Project Hessdalen" in a rather ingenious way. The cost is Nkr. 15, including postage available from:

Project Hessdalen
P.O. Box 14
N-3133 Duken
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□ Mrs. Sonia Hildings and daughter Sharon looking at the window of their North Norwegian home where they saw the UFO.

UFO SEEN OVER SYDNEY

THE Royal Australian Air Force was swamped with calls from people claiming to have seen a UFO on Friday night.

An RAAF source said the number of calls to Paramilitary Patrols in the Sydney area peaked at 11pm.

At the reports described above, the source said, "I don't know what the UFO was, but it was a strange sight. It was a bright, glowing object, about the size of a car, and it was moving very fast. It was seen by a number of people, and it was seen in the direction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge."

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□ Mrs. Hildings' sketch of the UFO.

At 11pm, Mrs. Hildings and her daughter Sharon were sitting on their sofa, watching the news on television. Mrs. Hildings said, "I don't know what it was, but it was a strange sight. It was a bright, glowing object, about the size of a car, and it was moving very fast. It was seen by a number of people, and it was seen in the direction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge."

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A missing meteor

ASTRONOMERS are baffled by the apparent disappearance of a meteor that flashed across northern NSW in July.

They say the meteor was possibly as large as a car and would have crashed to earth within 50 kms of Narrabri.

But nobody has reported seeing the meteor or finding fragments of the meteorite. Mr Roberie, MCAughlin, an astronomer at Siding Springs Observatory at Coonabarabran, said yesterday the meteor's July 13 night disappearance of a meteor that flashed across northern NSW in July.

UFOs in Israel

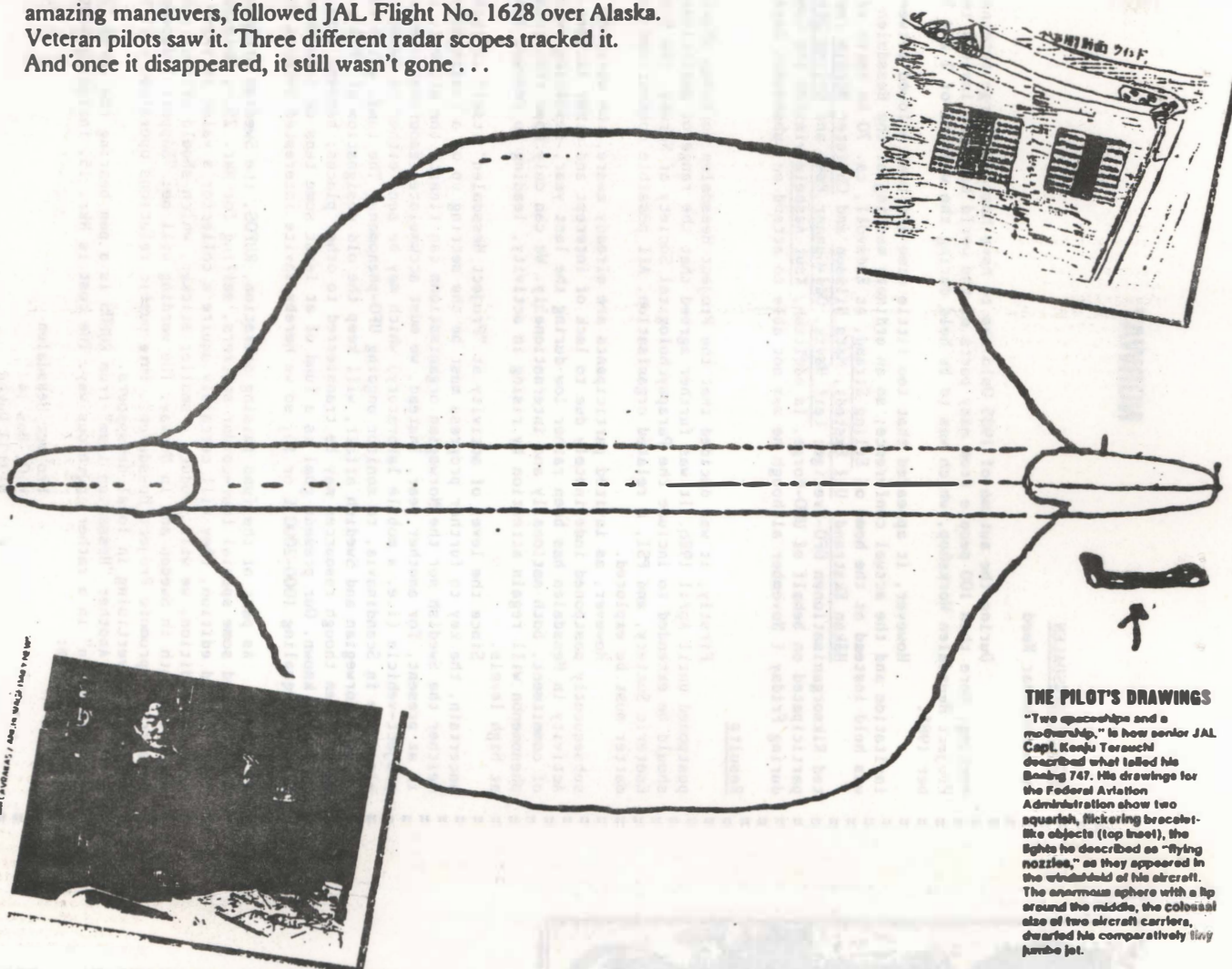
HAIFA, Israel: UFOs have been seen near this Mediterranean city in northern Israel and traces of one have been found on the beach, Israel radio said yesterday, quoting police.

Alerted by an Israeli motorist who claimed he saw a UFO land south of Haifa on Tuesday, two police officers accompanied the man to the location and, after wandering about for nearly an hour, found a spot 8m in diameter where sand and vegetation had been carbonised.

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THE UFO THAT CAN'T BE EXPLAINED

For nearly an hour, a huge, unrecognizable *something*, performing amazing maneuvers, followed JAL Flight No. 1628 over Alaska. Veteran pilots saw it. Three different radar scopes tracked it. And once it disappeared, it still wasn't gone . . .



THE PILOT'S DRAWINGS

"Two spacecraft and a mother ship," is how senior JAL Capt. Kenju Terauchi described what tailed his Boeing 747. His drawings for the Federal Aviation Administration show two squarish, flickering bracelet-like objects (top inset), the lights he described as "flying nozzles," as they appeared in the windshield of his aircraft. The enormous sphere with a lip around the middle, the colossal size of two aircraft carriers, dwarfed his comparatively tiny jumbo jet.

By
**MARGUERITE
DEL GIUDICE**

THE OTHER UFO MYSTERY out of Alaska happened some winters ago when the citizenry of Anchorage erupted with reports of wavering lights floating high in the night sky. The duty officers at the Federal Aviation Administration were going wild. The public affairs guy was up all night on the phone. The wavering lightballs were being reported everywhere — it was weird, and people were getting spooky.

Somebody called up the control tower at Anchorage International, and the tower said, "Well, they look like balloons to us. So the reporters immediately went to the hot-air-balloon people and said, 'Have you been flying balloons?' and it just so happened that all the hot-air-balloon people had just held a banquet and every single one of them was there, accounted for — so that blew that theory.

It was a nightmare, until some FAA employees with teenagers started coming up to the public affairs guy, Paul Steucke, saying things in the hallways like, "Uh, Paul, my kid tells me . . ."

It turns out that the teenagers had devised an inventive way to amuse themselves in the biting, dry, desperately uneventful Alaskan winter at 30 below. They would take those flimsy bags from the dry cleaners and fashion a contraption involving thin cardboard with a votive candle stuck to it and soda straws strung together in the shape of an X. If you light the candle and breathe into the bag, the thing will fill with light and float in a wavy glow all the way up to 5,000 feet. The teenagers would send up six of these over half a mile, confounding the adults with manufactured lightballs.

The news was a huge relief. Some bags finally turned up hanging off telephone wires — Paul Steucke took pictures — and that was the most captivating event to emerge from the vast Far North in many years.

Until news broke last Christmastime that would prove far more troublesome to explain:

A veteran Japan Air Lines pilot in a jumbo jet reported being shadowed for almost an hour by something that looked and behaved like nothing he had experi-

enced in his 29 years in the skies. His report began, *Two thousand years ago, if a hunter saw a TV, how did he describe it to other people? My experience was similar to this. . . . It created many questions that a human being cannot answer.*

His name was Capt. Kenju Terauchi. The crew was shaken but stable — and convinced they had seen something that could be neither ignored nor readily explained. But no harm had been done, and at first all the FAA appeared to have on its hands were highly credible people reporting highly incredible things: — fas-

cinating, but inconclusive. The scant files on the matter dropped quietly to the bottom of the investigation heap, and the sighting seemed destined to go down as just one of those crazy Alaskan things. Of course, that's not what happened.

For Capt. Terauchi had unwittingly set in motion a sequence of events that would subject him to international attention — to excited curiosity and gawking and ridicule — and absorb the FAA in probably the biggest UFO controversy to be aired in the public domain since the Air Force got out of the UFO business in 1969.

Let's backtrack to that baffling Monday in November, around suppertime in the northern skies of Alaska, where the sun disappears until the middle of March. . . .

JAPAN AIR LINES FLIGHT NO. 1628, a Boeing 747 — a "heavy" — left Iceland bound for Anchorage on the afternoon of Nov. 17, flying above 30,000 feet and under a nearly full moon. It was the middle leg of a Paris-to-Tokyo cargo delivery. A big load of Beaujolais wine had been picked up in Paris the day before, along with Capt. Kenju Terauchi, First Officer Takanori Tamefuji and Flight Engineer Yoshio Tsukube — who rode with the wine to Iceland and spent the night at a new hotel where the beds were too small.

The next day, they took the fuel-efficient Great Circle Route over the pole. An unstable air current shook the plane for about two hours; otherwise, the flight was uneventful. But then they crossed the Canadian-Alaskan border and headed toward Fort Yukon.

Thirty-five thousand feet below, Carl Henley was placing them on his radar scope. The FAA's Anchorage Air Route

Traffic Control Center bummed with a calm intensity and glowed in radar green — the climate of an inner sanctum. Henley's a big, mustachioed fellow from Arkansas with wavy black hair and seven years' experience as a controller. This was his sixth day of work, an overtime shift. He directed 1628 to fly directly to Talkeetna, and it was at this point, as the plane turned left in response, that the crew headed dead into their curious close encounter.

At first, whatever it was looked to the crew just like a couple of lights, moving off in the distance. The lights could have been fighter jets or special aircraft on special missions. The crew ignored them.

But the lights didn't go away, so First Officer Tamefuji radioed to ground control to find out whether anybody else was up there with them. When Henley told him no, Tamefuji replied in halting but adequate English, "Ah, we in sight two traffic in front of us, one mile about." A little too close for comfort.

Henley wanted to know if it was military or civilian, but the crew couldn't tell. They did see what looked like navigation lights, strobe lights.

Henley: Roger, sir. Say the color of the strobe and beacon lights?

JAL: The color is white and yellow. I think.

Now that was odd. White and yellow, but no red, the international color for aircraft beacons.

THERE WERE THIN AND SPOTTY clouds near the mountain below the plane. The air current was steady, the sky was clear as a windshield, and Terauchi thought the flying conditions were quite pleasant.

UFO zaps sceptical doc's video

A UFO drained the power from an Adelaide doctor's video camera, preventing him recording more than a short burst of his high-speed flight.

The doctor, who describes himself as "a UFO sceptic," was enough to be convinced that what he had captured on tape was not of earthly origin.

Sceptic

Dr Peter Tunbridge, 38, his wife, Lynn, a researcher, and their son Guy, 5, were sitting outside their home in the Adelaide Hills at 8.30pm when the UFO appeared.

By RIC TURNER

The sighting was on a clear Friday two weeks ago at 8 pm. "It appeared as a pure white light on the horizon, a bright spot that made no sound," Dr Tunbridge said.

He rushed inside and grabbed his video camera, but when he got back outside the object was too far away to film.

"It suddenly seemed back across the sky and hovered about 4 km away," he said. "I estimate it travelled about 16 km in a split second. It

moved faster than anything we could have done."

"I'm not saying it was a flying saucer . . . That doesn't fit into my scientific background, but yes, it was an unidentified flying object. I don't know what it was."

"It wasn't man-made, but I have always been a sceptic about flying saucers and the like, and I'm still not convinced."

Dr Tunbridge said he would have remained silent about the sighting if he didn't have proof.

"The most astounding part was the way the power died in the camera," he said. "I had only just recharged the

batteries and I know they were fine, but it just suddenly died as the UFO hovered near us."

"It was only later that my wife and I looked at each other and I said 'Gee, this is just like what happens on television.'"

He lent the tape to a friend at the ABC and the UFO was shown on television.

The tape has been seen by the president of Adelaide-based Australian International UFO Flying Saucer Research Inc, Mr Colin Norris.

According to Mr Norris, 1987 has been "a fantastic year for UFO's".

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Then the two lights started maneuvering like two bear cubs playing with each other, Terauchi would write later. He had to try to take a picture of this — maybe someone else would know what it was.

Flight Engineer Terauchi handed Terauchi his camera bag, and a comedy of errors began. Terauchi's Minolta Alpha 7000 was loaded with ASA 100 film, intended for outdoor daytime scenery on the ground, and here he was flying through the shadows of the sky, six miles up, in a darkened cockpit. It would never work.

He aimed. The autofocus lens whirled in and out, open and closed, like a dilating pupil — it wouldn't set a focus in the dark. He switched to manual focus, but the shutter wouldn't release. Then the plane started to shudder, and he couldn't hold the camera still.

I placed my camera back in the camera bag and concentrated on observing the lights.

The crew was fixated on these objects, not knowing what to think. Then the experiences turned hairy — the things came at them, stopped in front of our face, shooting off lights.

The inside of the cockpit shone brightly, like a small den with a big TV, and Terauchi felt warmth on his face. These things were big, at least the size of a DC-8. He thought he might be flying into the rear end of some aircraft, into a midair collision.

The ships appeared to hover in front of the jumbo jet, then flew in level flight at the same speed, slightly higher, 1,000 feet away — a stone's throw by the distance rule of the sky. Terauchi could see what looked like exhaust pipes, and rotating rows of amber and white lights in the middle of them flying nozzles.

Something about them reminded him of a charcoal fire.

No manmade machine could do what these objects were doing, Terauchi thought. Flying in tandem around a jumbo jet hurtling through space at 550 miles an hour? It made no sense.

For the five minutes, the ships stayed in formation with the jumbo jet, then moved forward and off to the left. Honestly, we were simply brokenhearted.

The fear of a midair collision had passed. We probably would have felt more in danger and would have been prepared to escape if the spaceships were shaking unsteadily or were unable to stop themselves. But there was nothing unsteady about these airships — their maneuvers were flawless.

GROUND RADAR HADN'T registered anything near 1628, so nothing was likely to show up on the cockpit's weather X-band weather scope. But the captain set the distance range to 20 miles — and to his surprise, something popped up. A large, green, round object, seven or eight miles away, in the direction of the thing outside his window.

Monday: Japan Air 1628. Do you still have visual contact with the traffic?

JAL: Affirmative... we have radar contact.

And then, so did Henley — a radar hit about five to eight miles from 1628.

He radioed Elmendorf Air Force Base, and the controller there reported picking up something, too — a weak return about eight miles ahead of 1628, at 10 o'clock. It lasted a minute, minute and a half. Radio interference, and an object seeming to register on three different radar scopes. What was this?

JAL: It's, ah, I think, ah, a very quite big, ah, plane.

Fort Yukon was diagonally below and to the right of 1628, and the setting sun painted the sky in a reddish stripe. The east side, the side where the objects were, was still pitch dark.

We had no fears so far but began to worry, since we had no idea for their purpose.

Up ahead they could see lights from Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fairbanks.

The lights were extremely bright to eyes that were used to the dark. How bright it was! We were just above the bright city lights, and we checked... behind us. Ah! there was a silhouette of a gigantic spaceship. We must run away quickly!

JAL: Japan Air 1628. Ah, request descent... request three one zero.

Monday: Japan... 1628 heavy. Descend at pilot discretion.... Do you still have your traffic?

JAL: Still, ah, coming, ah, right formation, in, ah, formation.

Monday: Japan Air 1628 heavy... deviations approved as necessary for traffic.

When we checked our rear, there was still the ship following us.... We had to get away from that object. A globular craft with a lip around the middle, the colossal size of two aircraft carriers laid end to end.

What could it possibly want — the Beaulieu?

Monday: Japan Air 1628 heavy. Sir, I'm going to request you to make a right turn, three six zero degrees, three-hundred-and-sixty-degree turn. And advise me what your traffic does then.

JAL: Right turn, three sixty.

We... set to turn right on a 30-degree bank. We looked to our right forward but did not see any light.

It had disappeared.

We were relieved... We returned to level flight. But when we checked to our rear, the object was still there — in exactly the same place.

On the ground, Carl Henley was glued to his radar scope. You're not supposed to have unknowns in air traffic control.

There isn't much room for error, and the system relies on an unquestioned mutual trust between controller and pilot. A controller has feelings about an airplane, even though it's just a little slash on a scope. When he's talking to a pilot, he's inside the cockpit with him. This 747 was reporting unidentified aircraft, and Henley's job was to get him safely away. He and the other controllers assumed they were tracking a second aircraft.

"I never thought of it as a UFO," he would say later.

VETERAN CONTROLLER SAM RICH returned from a lunch break and took over communications with the military no 1628. Elmendorf radioed over that "on some other equipment here we have confirmed there is a flight, size of two," around 1628.

What is he following him?

Elmendorf: It looks like he is, yes.

Oh, God...

Henley radioed the news to JAL and asked if the crew wanted the military to scramble on the traffic.

JAL: Negative, negative.

Unsure as he was, the pilot didn't want to chance someone else getting hurt trying to help him and his crew. Even the F-15 with the newest technology had no guarantee of safety against the creature with an unknown degree of scientific technology. We flew toward Talkeetna... The spaceship was still following us, not leaving us at all.

The FAA shift supervisor, Erlend Stephens, a lean, older fellow with a graying reddish beard who is given to string ties and cowboy boots, thought a lost aircraft might be following 1628's lights into Anchorage.

"His radio and navigation might have quit," Stephens figured.

So he followed procedure and alerted the U.S. Customs office at Anchorage International, and somebody called Hank Elias — the transplanted Oklahoman who's in charge of the FAA's air traffic division in Alaska.

Elias couldn't know whether it was a system failure or a life-threatening situation. And the proximity of the Soviet Union was always a factor — it could be an exotic experimental craft, or a defecting jet. The U.S.S.R. is so close to the United States up there that two guys in eight months had illegally walked across the frozen Bering Strait from the Alaskan island of Little Diomedes to the Soviet island of Big Diomedes. The Soviet Union likes to send its Bear bombers into Alaskan air space, carrying electronic snooping devices and sometimes missiles, and the United States likes to send its latest F-15s to intercept and escort them off.

They listen to each other's radio transmissions, obtain radar frequencies, try to determine the capabilities of each other's aircraft. Sometimes, a Soviet fighter will tuck in so tight behind the tail of a commercial airliner that the pilot never even knows. And if the Soviet jet shows up on radar, he'll register, sporadically, only as a little dot — looking just like "a split beacon," an accidental split image, of the airliner. Shadowing. It's called.

Over the phone, Elias grilled the fellow who called: What did the pilot do, say, see? Did the center have any flight plans on anybody this could be?

Monday: Do you still have the traffic?

JAL: Affirmative. Nine o'clock.

WHATEVER HAD SHOWED UP ON the military radar wasn't there anymore. And Henley wasn't seeing much, either. He had never really gotten a good track on whatever it was. United Airlines Flight No. 60 had just taken off from Anchorage; it was in the same air space as 1628. Henley radioed the pilot to take a look around 1628, and a Totem C-130 military flight with extra gas offered to fly over as well.

Up in the JAL cockpit, 1628 could make out the United airliner. The two planes flashed landing lights at each other, and the United pilot advised ground control that he could see 1628, set against a light background.

We were flying the east side of Mount McKinley.... We knew that they were

watching us. When the United plane came by our side, the spaceship disappeared suddenly, and there was nothing but the light of the moon.

Neither United nor the Totem C-130 saw a thing, other than the JAL jumbo jet. Whatever it was had split — instantaneously, it seemed to the crew — toward the east, toward Canada.

THE STRUTTED CREW of Flight No. 1628 landed about 8:25 p.m. on Runway 6R at Anchorage International, landing a 50-minute ordeal that was terrifying and fantastic. Henley immediately took a breather to clear the knots out of his gut. With "questions in my mind that I couldn't answer," he set down to write his report, as the head of security for the FAA pulled up in his Lincoln Continental.

This would be Jim Derry, a steely, bulky, bearded man without hair, who was once an adviser with the Army's Special Forces in Vietnam. He, security agent Ron Michle and James Wright from flight standards ran the crew around the block a couple of times on what they'd seen. "We weren't really sure what we had," Derry said later. "Was it a security situation, or a violation of air space? It was just a strange thing."

Derry judged the captain to be "a very stable, competent professional." He was sure he was concerned. "It's like driving down the highway on an empty road and all of a sudden four lights come up over your left windshield and follow you for an hour," said Derry. "It gets your attention."

The first officer and flight engineer hadn't had as clear or sustained a view as the captain. "But what they saw, they saw pretty much the same," Derry said. He made notes, judged the crew to be normal, professional, rational, no drug or alcohol involvement.

It didn't seem to Derry that any further investigation would be warranted by security. "There was nothing there," he said, "to indicate that anything was insecure." If anybody decided to do anything, it would have to be the people at flight standards, or air traffic control.

Finished at the airport, Derry drove over to a hotel in Anchorage where a security guy from Washington was staying — Dave Smith, manager of the FAA's Investigations and Security Division, who was in town to talk about drug-monitoring programs. Derry had spent the day showing him around. He took Smith for coffee, told him all about the sighting, and the two men mused over the bewildering things that sometimes happen in the vast open terrain of the far Far North, in America's last frontier.

FOR WEEKS, NOTHING happened.

The FAA inspectors already had their hands full with far more pressing cases, crashes in which people had died, and the JAL sighting got banished to the bottom of the investigation pile. Out of sight, it was out of mind — until the day before Christmas, when Paul Steucke got a phone call from Shobichi Kibe, an Anchorage restaurateur and correspondent for the Kyodo News Service in Japan.

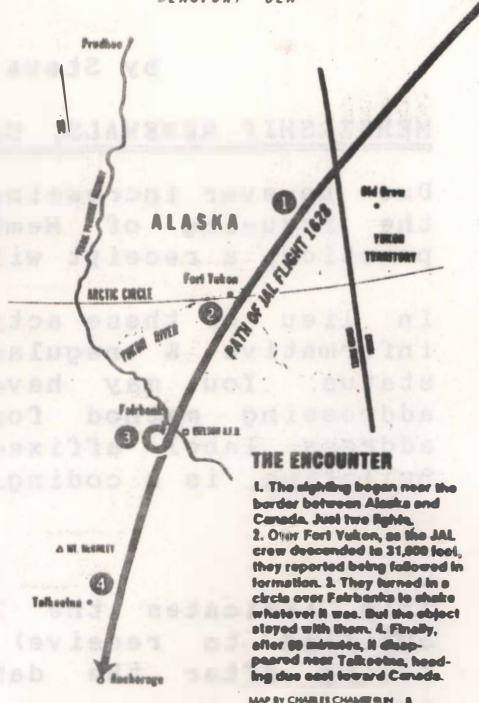
It seems that Capt. Terauchi's spell-binding report was the talk of the cockpit among Japanese pilots. The London bureau chief for KNS, Hiroshi Iguchi, had gotten wind of it from some Japanese fliers he was friendly with, and he had interviewed the captain at the Forum Hotel, a JAL haunt, when Terauchi flew through London in December. Soon KNS was dispatching Shobichi Kibe to confirm the story with Steucke. The forgotten JAL sighting was about to be raised from the dead.

"Somebody had picked up pretty good information," said Steucke, a lean, silver-haired career government employee, like his father before him, who drives a white Porsche and keeps a jar of M&M's on his organized desk. Kibe wanted to know if it was true.

Steucke looked back five weeks in his files and told him, "Yeah." It had completely slipped his mind. Kibe was welcome to come over — Steucke would give him whatever information was available. After all, this was Alaska. You ask a straight question up here, you tend to get a straight answer.

Steucke had no idea what he was about to get into after the holidays, even after Jeff Berlin of United Press International in Anchorage called, wanting to know about this JAL sighting that was making the papers in Tokyo. Steucke got the file out again. Berlin talked to Jim Derry, probed a little deeper and filed a

BEAUFORT SEA



THE ENCOUNTER

1. The sighting began near the border between Alaska and Canada. Just two flights.
2. Over Fort Yukon, as the JAL crew descended to 31,000 feet, they reported being followed in formation.
3. They turned in a circle over Fairbanks to shake whatever it was. But the object stayed with them.
4. Finally, after 30 minutes, it disappeared near Talkeetna, heading due east toward Canada.

MAP BY CHARLES CHAMBERLIN

AS SEEN ON RADAR

The small diagonal slashes represent JAL Flight No. 1628 as it appeared on the FAA's radar scope. At first, the FAA said the slashes represented another object or objects. Then, after reviewing the radar tapes, the agency said the images looked like "split beacons" — accidental echoes of the jumbo jet itself, familiar radar quirks that just happened to coincide with the crew's visual reports.

story that night that was transmitted nationwide.

The next day reality set in. The phones rang and rang and rang. It reminded Steucke of the first big story he had handled three weeks after taking this job in 1963, when a Korean Air Lines Boeing DC-10 taking off on a foggy day had taxied down the wrong runway, in the wrong direction, and run over a Navy jet engine computer flight with eight people on board. The office was inundated with inquiries, day and night, until Steucke could get the news out that no one had been killed.

But this story was far more idiosyncratic — and trickier to shake. Steucke was going to have as much trouble getting rid of it as the JAL crew had with whatever those tenacious lights were that had shadowed them.

Of course, most inquiries came from reporters. But Steucke just took that as a reliable reflection of genuine curiosity among average citizens — the reporters were only acting on their behalf, as scouts.

Before long, Steucke started hearing rumblings from afar that higher-ups in the FAA were uneasy about any association with unidentified flying objects. The agency's image might be tarnished.

Steucke had split for Alaska 12 years ago, to get away from the commutes and hassles of the East Coast, and word of the honcho's uneasiness made him yearn to go paint pictures — his avocation. He started to wonder where he was treading, how far he should go.

Like Capt. Terauchi, Steucke had entered the dangerous arena into which he cast all those who dare to publicly involve themselves with unidentified flying objects. UFO indicates just that, a flying object that is simply unidentified, regardless of speculation about its origin. But to many, the term has come to suggest the

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UFO was Soviet space junk

A "UFO" which streaked across NSW early yesterday was Soviet space junk.

People in Sydney and southern NSW reported seeing the brilliantly shining object just after 2am.

The US Space Surveillance Centre at Colorado Springs said the re-entry and breakup of a motor

from a Soviet rocket launched five days ago caused the gleaming light.

The fragment which fell to earth was a spent rocket body, not the satellite.

Ambulance officer Evan Cramm said the object looked like a fireball — a big, red object with a long tail with things coming off it, really flying through the sky. "We thought it was a plane on fire, because it was heading downwards pretty fast. It was really big," Mr Cramm said.

Mr Cramm said he believed the object went down about 150km east of Eden into the Pacific Ocean.

"It was the most amazing sight," he said.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Steve Partridge - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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